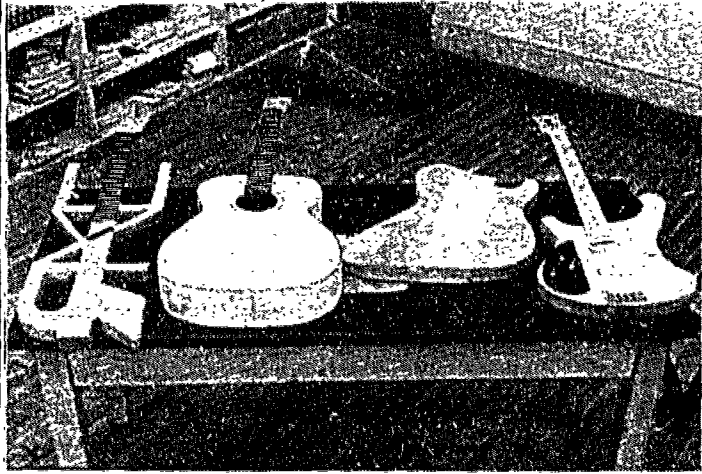


GUITARISTS ARE CRAFTSMEN



Six SPFHS students are presently working on building their own electric guitars, as part of their wood shop classes. See story, page 8.

PUT A SENIOR TO WORK!

Need help with your spring cleaning? Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Seniors will participate in their annual Senior Work Day on May 9. On this day, seniors contract to do spring cleaning, lawn jobs, babysitting, and general cleaning work. Hours are negotiable, and fees are flexible.

The event is designed to assist the senior class to defray costs for graduation and the senior prom. Seniors are excused from school if they have signed contracts indicating their services are required on that day. If you would like to hire a senior for May 9, please contact Mr. Jack Wall, Senior Class Advisor, at the High School, 889-8600.

GIVE YOUR DOG THE NEEDLE!

The Fanwood Board of Health will conduct its Annual Clinic for the inoculation of dogs against Rabies on Monday May 7th and Monday May 14th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The clinic will be held at the Fanwood Borough Garage, which is located at the corner of North and North Martine Ave., opposite the Memorial Library. There is no charge for this service.

Please note the following changes in procedures of call the Plainfield Area Chapter of the American Red Cross 756-6414, Ann Henry or call Alice Kriek 756-6125 of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

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FOR SENIORS

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60 and older can receive program, funded in part on Aging is part of the resources.

chemistry, blood pressure, chest x-rays, PAP smears, and viral influenza. Flu

The tests are administered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, but an appointment must be made in advance.

To make an appointment, call the Senior Citizens Council of Union County, at 964-7555, or call the hospital clinic at 322-7240, Ext. 291.

NURSING HOME GARDENERS



Two residents of Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains, Mrs. Mae Smith, left, and Catherine Soltes, right, do a bit of weeding and cultivating. The outdoor patio at Ashbrook is surrounded by gardens in which over 3,500 daffodil and tulip bulbs have been planted. While only a few of the residents of Ashbrook Nursing Home are able to actually work on the gardens, all enjoy the beautiful flowers and springtime sun.

Meet your local police officers

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Divorce - Scotch Plains- Fanwood Style

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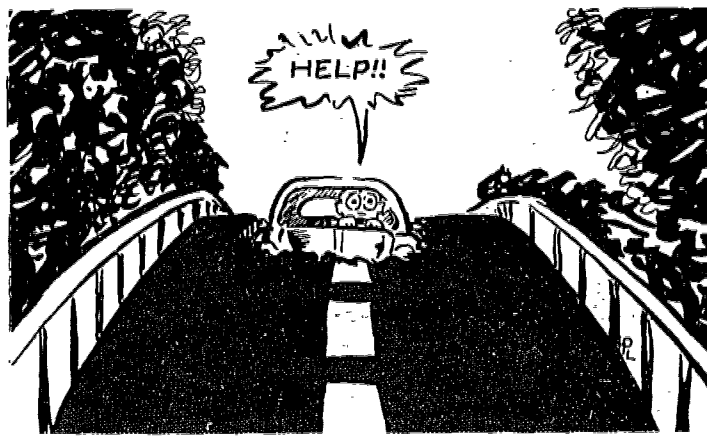
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Terrill Bridge falling down?

The Terrill Road railroad crossing bridge is scheduled for overhauling sometime in 1980. In the interim, bridge conditions are such that Fanwood Police Chief Anthony Parenti foresees potential disaster if the roadway is not properly repaired. In fact, Fanwood police closed the bridge to vehicular traffic this past weekend, from Friday through a part of Saturday, awaiting road repairs by Conrail. It's not the first time the police have had to close the bridge due to holes straight through the entire roadbed, and until durable repairs are made, Parenti predicts that it won't be the last.

"We've been having problems for the past ten years," Parenti said. They're worse each year. He attributes the increasing problems to a combination of "mediocre" repairs and heavy gasoline trucks utilizing the bridge as a cross-county route.

As Parenti explains it, small erosions form in the roadbed, the Fanwood Police alert Conrail, which is responsible for the maintenance, and nothing is done until disaster-conditions result. They come in the form of large holes. During the past week, a hole almost two feet in diameter developed, as concrete fell right through to the ground below. Finally, after Fanwood Police and the Union County Roads and Bridges Department agreed to close the bridge, Conrail maintenance personnel came, and placed a metal plate on top of the hole. Parenti said



the Terrill Road bridge now has about a half-dozen such metal plates protecting holes beneath it.

"We monitor that roadbed all the time," the Chief said. Regular-size cars are of con-

cern, "but I'm far more worried about small cars...and heaven forbid if a motorcyclist should hit one of those holes and lose control!"

The bridge has a ten-ton

weight limitation, but that doesn't deter gasoline, tank trucks of much greater weight from using the overpass. Parenti said the Fanwood police do pull the tank trucks over for weighing occasionally... "but there's not much we municipal police can do." Truck weighing must be done by the state police or the Department of Motor Vehicles - and summoning them is a time-consuming and involved task.

"The holes get worse and worse, and we keep calling and calling," Parenti said. "We closed the bridge down just a week earlier, for a shorter period of time." He fears that eventual collapse of the entire roadway.

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Musial questions silence on Old School One value

Former Democratic Mayor Noel Musial questioned the Republican Council of Scotch Plains with a "sudden silence" on the historic value of Old School One. Musial spoke during the public address portion of Tuesday's Council meeting. He indicated that when the former Democratic administration condemned the school for acquisition for senior citizen housing, Mayor Alan Augustine, then a Councilman, was concerned over its historic value. He noted that Republicans urged saving the school during their November election campaign.

During condemnation proceedings, the Stanford White-designed school was placed on the New Jersey registry of historic landmarks. The landmark status threatened eligibility for federal funds for senior citizen construction. Recently, a private contractor applied to the Board of Adjustment for variance to construct townhouses on the site.

Musial claimed Augustine had applied to the state for the historic designation, but Augustine denied that during Tuesday's meeting. "I've always felt we could have the best of both worlds, by retaining the old school and

converting it for senior citizen use," Musial said. He stated that he objects to seeing it razed.

The local Historical Society had joined the Republicans in vehement objections to demolition last year, "but they are strangely silent now," Musial charged. He further claimed that the Historical Society is primarily Republican in politics, and asked why the Republicans haven't rounded up their support for retention of the school.

Mrs. Margaret Barthelme, current president of the Historical Society, was contacted after the meeting. Mrs. Barthelme pointed out that the Historical Society had never taken a position as an organization last year. She noted that several citizens of Scotch Plains, who were coincidentally members of the Society, did oppose the demolition of the old school, but their actions were taken privately, and did not reflect any unified action on the part of the club.

Mayor Augustine said that Musial's points were well taken. However, upon advice of counsel Michael Mitzner, Augustine pointed out that the matter now before the Board of Adjustment might possibly be appealed eventually to the Council, in which case the current Council would sit in judgement, in a quasi-judicial position. Therefore, the Council was advised not to take a position publicly at this time.

Councilman Philip Schick asked that the attorney investigate the type of plea before the Board of Adjustment, to determine if it would ever come before Council and to advise as to what position

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Police apprehend more youths in local break and entry cases

Chief Michael Rossi has announced several significant breaking and entry arrests made by his department recently. Over the past weekend, a home in the vicinity of Rahway Road was entered and various items were stolen. As a direct result of an alert jogger in the area, the license number of a suspicious car was obtained.

The Detective Bureau initiated an investigation, the suspicious vehicle returned to the area and was stopped by Patrolman Carlton Crawley, on patrol in the area. The occupants of the car were brought to headquarters and a subject, Todd T. Myers of 11D Lyle Street, Edison was placed under arrest and charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon - a blackjack.

Further investigation, by detectives resulted in Todd

being charged with breaking and entry and larceny of over \$6,000 in property stolen from the home in question. Also charged in the same matter was Calvin Nelson, 11F Lyle Place, Edison. He was charged with receiving stolen property. Both were arraigned before Judge James Walsh. Myers is in Union County Jail awaiting trial.

Last week, a two-week investigation resulted in apprehension of three local 17-year old youths, two from Fanwood, one from Scotch Plains. The three were arrested for seven breaking and entries which occurred over the past four months.

Four separate entries into Scotch Plains-Fanwood High and three residential break and entries (two into Scotch Plains homes, one into a Fanwood home) were solved as a result of the apprehension.

The stolen property was recovered when Scotch Plains detectives, armed with a Search Warrant, went to a Fanwood residence.

The case will be heard in Juvenile Court in Elizabeth.

In yet another investigation, two Scotch Plains juveniles, one 17 and one 15, were apprehended last weekend after an investigation revealed they were responsible for taking \$1,000 from a home on Lambert-smill Road in Scotch Plains.

Chief Rossi again reminded local residents to be ever watchful of strange cars, unfamiliar faces, and suspicious activity within their neighborhoods. By keeping a close watch on neighborhoods, residents are often able to provide the police with help in solving such crimes.